

DRIVEN BY STORM TO TRAMPS' HOTEL.

Blizzard Makes Guests for a Strange Trenton In- stitution.

Hoboes Seek Shelter from Wind and Snow Within Hospi- table Walls.

Nearly Two Hundred Housed by "Glad Hand Tom," a Former Railroad Engineer.

SMILES AS HE SEES THEM COME.

Tattered Outcasts Are Always Welcomed to This Building, Which Stands Near the Railroad Yards in Trenton.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.—They seemed to be born of the swirling, blinding, bitter storm that rattled the windows and treaded with snowflakes the walls of the big hotel near the railroad yards in this city this morning. In this hotel a man of wealth would find it hard to get a room, but the tramp is always welcome here.

This morning the blizzard drove them in as scores as a shepherd's dog drives his flock. They were tattered and torn, unshaven, half-starved and blue with the cold when they knocked at the doors of the building, but each man was admitted and registered, bathed and fed and given a bed. And the proprietor smiled all over his round, chubby face, and clapped his hands as he exclaimed: "Business is good; very good."

The "Tramps' Hotel," of Trenton, is a unique institution. It covers half a block in the heart of Trenton. Part of it is used for store houses and halls, but the greater part is the hotel.

Thomas A. Terradill is the boniface in this strange hotel. He was, until ten years ago, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. When he left the road he was an engineer. While working on the road Mr. Terradill fell in with a number of tramps. He frequently found men in rags on the platform of baggage cars, shivering in the winter winds, and he always invited them into the cab to warm up. The outcasts of the country soon knew him as "Glad Hand Tom."

Terradill, when he retired from the railroad's service, had a snug little bank account. At that time the ground back of the locomotive roundhouse was known as "Goosefoot." It was a favorite haunt of tramps. Terradill one day dragged ashore a raft of logs which he found upon the river, and with the men who were lounging about him, he built a rough shanty. The wood lot over was sawed into kindling and sold to the owners of porters. With the money this obtained the "hotel" kitchen was furnished.

Some of the charitable people of Trenton learned what was going on and gave aid to Terradill. This encouraged, he enlarged his operations. Religious services were held in the hotel, and many of the tramps were converted, secured employment and led honest lives. They remembered Terradill, and gave part of their earnings to him.

Soon "Glad Hand Tom" had enough money to build a larger house, and he had a number of shanties moved to one corner of the block. They were all cleaned and made comfortable. Poor families were allowed to live in them rent free.

Last autumn a present building was erected. In one end of it there are stables, storage rooms, and carpenter shops. In the hotel itself there are a large dining room, a kitchen, a chapel, and two bath-rooms. The latter are large apartments with comfortable beds in which thirty men can bathe at a time.

The services in the chapel and mission rooms are always well attended, and Mr. Terradill says there is a surprising number of conversions. He has obtained employment for many of his guests in different parts of the city.

There were nearly two hundred guests in the hotel to-night. Ordinarily the number is 100 a night.

TEN CENT FARE DEFEATED.

Keany's Council Nips in the Bud a

Trolley Grab.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 16.—For almost a

year the Union Traction Company has

been prouling the completion of its road

to the Greenwood Lake tracks, but up to

the present but a stroke of work has been

done on the line within the limits of the

township. Last night, when the ordinance

granting a new franchise to the Union

Traction Company was introduced at the

meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Mr.

Forrest, of the Legal Committee, moved that

a provision be inserted granting free trans-

fers from the company to the residents of

consolidated lines. This was opposed by

the company's representative, but the Board

accepted Mr. Forrest's suggestion, and re-

ferred the ordinance to the Legal Com-

mittee. The opposition to the Union Com-

pany's franchise comes from the residents

of the upper end of Arlington, who would

be forced to pay ten cents fare to Newark

or lower Kearny if Mr. Forrest's amend-

ment was not inserted.

ICE DEALERS ARE UNEASY.

Lakes and Ponds in Monmouth County Nearly

Dried Up, and No Ice Harvested.

Long Branch, Dec. 16.—There is considerable

uneasiness among ice dealers in this

county owing to the practically dry con-

dition of several lakes and ponds from

DESERTED AND STARVING.

Pathetic Letter from an Invalid Wife, Who Says Her Husband Has Elected and Left Her and Her Children Helpless.

Bloomfield, N. J., Dec. 16.—Justice of the Peace Jacob G. Post received a letter yesterday from Mrs. D. G. Garrison, of Greenwood Lake, N. Y., the divorced wife of Samuel H. Garrison, who was at one time a guide at the lake. The woman asked Justice Post to find her husband and compel him to live up to the court decree granting her \$50 alimony.

Mrs. Garrison declares that her husband has eloped with a woman from their home, leaving her with six children and no means of support. She says she is unable to work, as she has no money and is unable to find a job.

The letter further states that Garrison is somewhere in Essex County, and urges that Justice Post assist her. The troubles of the Garrison family have been before the police courts of this town. Garrison at one time tried to kidnap one of his children. Justice Post will endeavor to locate Garrison.

TO SAVE THEIR OYSTERS.

Famous Shark River Bivalves in Danger, and Citizens Seek Legislative Aid to Preserve Them.

Asbury Park, Dec. 16.—The citizens of Belmar, and many of the residents of the neighboring seaside resorts, are uniting in an effort to secure the reopening and permanent improvement of the Shark River Inlet, and at the approaching session of the Legislature will seek the aid so recently denied them by the War Department at Washington.

An application, numerously signed by wealthy residents and Summer cottagers, will be made to the Legislature, praying for an act authorizing and empowering the freeholders of Monmouth County to dig out the inlet at the mouth of Shark River, connecting the river with the sea, and to bulkhead the sides of the inlet and to construct a levee at the mouth of the river. This will make a permanent and continuous improvement.

It is further claimed that the great oyster industry by which the Shark River bivalve became famous, is threatened with annihilation for the lack of salt water on which the oyster can only live. Through the closing of the inlet, and that there by the State is a large loser by the loss of the oyster beds. As it stands now the oyster industry is disastrously affected. Unless relief is early afforded it will be ruined and the Shark River oyster will be known to oysters as a memory.

It is further claimed that to cut off this picturesque stream as an attraction to Summer visitors means loss in prestige, popularity and consequently in property. The Shark River has been a source of great pleasure and attraction to the thousands of Summer visitors.

HAVE OFFICIALS ENOUGH.

Montclair Council Declines to Create Another

Ward and Additional Expense.

Montclair, N. J., Dec. 16.—Town Clerk Trippe, acting upon orders from the Election Board of the Second and Third Wards of the town, informed the Town Council that these wards had cast over 600 votes and were, under the law, entitled to an extra polling district. The members of the Council would have complied with the request but for the discovery of a law providing that, whenever there have been polled in any ward or subdivision 600 or more votes, the proper officials, at least seven days previous to an election, may divide the said ward into two wards. Such a division would give Montclair seven wards instead of four, as at present, fifteen Councilmen instead of nine, and an increase of twelve. Rather than make the taxpayers pay for an increase in the number of Councilmen, the members of the Council have decided to postpone action and the Legislature will be petitioned to repeal the law. The people desire no polling places only, having wards enough.

NO TUNNEL FOR THE TROLLEY.

Company Refuses to Dig Under the Tracks

of Another Line and May Have Its Way.

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 16.—There was a lively time at a meeting of the West Orange Township Committee last night over the application of the South Orange and Maplewood Trolley Railroad Company for a franchise to continue its line from Montrose avenue to the Erie Railroad at Main street.

The citizens are opposed to the road running on grade across Main street over the Consolidated Traction Company's line, and are demanding that the point has been urged. Frank Brewster, president of the South Orange and Maplewood Trolley Railroad Company, stated that the company would not tunnel Main street, and if it was ordered to do so the application would be withdrawn. After an hour debate the ordinance was passed on its first reading. The franchise will probably be granted.

CITIZENS PROTEST IN VAIN.

Sterilizing Plant to Be Located in Ninth Ward

of Newark Unless Courts Intervene.

Newark, Dec. 16.—Mayor Seymour has declined to veto the resolution passed by the Common Council locating the sterilizing plant in the Ninth Ward, and in consequence the resolution will become a law. The Mayor simply filed it without his signature today. Before the resolution he had communicated with the Board of Health, and received a reply that it was the unanimous opinion of the board that the location of the sterilizing plant in the Ninth Ward will not be detrimental to the health of the people of the neighborhood. On the strength of that the Mayor declined to interfere in behalf of the protesters.

DIVORCE SUITS TO FOLLOW.

Revelations Following a Woman's Attempted

Suicide Startle a Boarding-House Keeper.

Newark, Dec. 16.—It was learned today that the young woman who was taken to the City Hospital last night from New Ward street, where she had swallowed parais green, is not Gertrude Boyd, but had simply been lying under that name. Her real name is Mrs. Luella Estelle Gertrude Kipp, who separated from her husband after a quarrel about two months ago. The man with whom she was living is Frank Furber, of No. 53 Union street. At the Furber street house he was unknown as George Price.

Mrs. Joseph Ellison, who conducts the house where Furber and the woman lived, couple were not married. When she learned that Furber has a wife and Mrs. Kipp a husband she was given another shock. She says that Furber lived the room and resembled himself as George Price and the woman as Mrs. Price. Her condition recovered. The outcome of her attempted suicide will be two divorce cases.

Death of a Centenarian.

Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Catherine McNeely, best known as "Aunt Kitty," died here last night. She was 100 years and 8 months old. She was one of the oldest women in the city. She was born in 1796, and lived almost all her life here.

WITCH IS SEER TO ROBBER GANG?

Woman in League with the Powers of Darkness Said to Command Them.

Claims to Possess the Power of Calling Down Curses Upon Her Enemies.

Hillsdale Citizens in Great Fear of the Young Marauders, Who Commit Crimes with Impunity.

TERRORIZED A VICTIM INTO SILENCE

He Was Mysteriously Shot, but Has Steadfastly Refused to Reveal the Name of the Guilty One for Fear of Their Vengeance.

Hillsdale, N. J., Dec. 16.—For weeks this village has been terrorized by a gang of young ruffians who were, it is said, responsible for the attempt to burn the pretty little depot at Hillsdale Manor. They have committed many other depredations, including the shooting of the son of a New York broker. To-day it was reported that this gang is led or directed by a certain well-known woman in the village, who claims to possess the power of calling down a curse upon any one her wrath is directed against. She says she is the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter, and not a few of the village gossips who are noted for doing more looting about the depot than any kind of work tell queer stories of the power this woman possesses. Some declare to know of instances where she has cast an evil eye upon people in the village and misfortunes have been their lot since. But until to-day there has been one so bold as to declare that she was the leading spirit of the gang of young ruffians who claim to be the cause of the village's troubles. One night they went to the village and were afraid to attack.

They went out at night and all its members are young men too lazy to work, but ready and willing to engage in any enterprise that may promise rich plunder. One night they went to the village and were afraid to attack.

WEARY RAGGLES'

TRENTON PALACE.

IN THE WOODYARD.

Several hundred weary and shivering

tramps were taken in and given a good supper and bed last

night in the famous hostelry kept by

ex-Engineer Terradill, in Trenton.

Terradill always treated the knights

of the road kindly when he was an

engineer, and when he retired he

still retained his affection for the

wanderers. He always added them

and from a little place he kept at

first to house any of them he came

to be the proprietor of the great

place shown in the illustration. It

is famous the country over as a

house where no man is ever turned

away hungry.

Mr. Allen was not in court, but his

counsel, Courtland Parker, Sr., looked after

his interests. Had Mr. Allen been present

he would probably have wished himself a

long way off, for Mr. Lindbury scored

him in a manner that must have made his

ears burn even at long range.

When the case was opened to-day Mr.

Parker offered in evidence a resolution

which had been adopted by the Hanson

Place Baptist Church, of Brooklyn, while

the Rev. Mr. Allen was pastor there, to

the effect that while the church greatly

regretted to part with Mr. Allen, still the

fact that he had separated from his wife

lessened his pastoral influence, and conse-

quently the church would likely suffer by

his remaining. This was ruled out. The

Mr. Lindbury began summing up for the

plaintiff and to handle the Rev. Allen with-

out gloves. He said he took his adopted

sister into his household, escorted her to

picture galleries, spent his evenings with

her, not with his wife, whom he treated

worse than a man would treat his dog. He

didn't know why, but there was some rea-

son besides incompatibility of temper.

Continuing, Mr. Lindbury said that the

deacon in Brooklyn to take back his wife,

in the face of the scandal caused by keep-

ing this woman at his house, he kept her

there and sent his wife away.

Referring to Rev. Mr. Allen's claim that

the separation with his wife was by mutual

agreement, Mr. Lindbury said that such

was not the case. Mr. Allen drove his

wife from his home, forbade her to go to

the Blue Mountain Lake, where he took his

relative, and took the key of the city house

from her.

HE DIED OF STARVATION.

Old Man Went Without Rather Than Take Food from His Children, and Died.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 16.—At Midway Green, a little settlement on the border line between Monmouth and Middlesex counties, George Burlew, formerly resident of this city, died yesterday. It is believed, of starvation. Five months ago Mrs. Burlew, once a woman of education and excellent family, died at her humble little home in this city in very much the same manner as did her husband. He was rendered unfit for work by a piece of ice falling on him, and the family, who were very poor, lived in great destitution, the mother going without oftentimes to feed her little ones. A local paper raised \$100 for the family after the mother's death, and when the terrible sufferings they had undergone became public, the community was aroused.

Soon after the death of Mrs. Burlew the family moved to Midway Green. The family consisted of a father, a mother and two children. The father was still unable to do active work, and the children applied on several occasions to the town authorities at Midway for help.

The father, being a proud man, never let the neighbors know the exact state of affairs, but he continued to grow weaker and weaker, and his children showed marked signs of their terrible struggle for existence. He died yesterday. The story of his death is told by one of the oldest children in this city.

"Papa was feeling worse than ever for the last week or so. Yesterday morning he was up before we were. I saw him standing at the door, leaning heavily to one side, as if he was in great pain. I called him to come and take some of the potatoes which I had cooked for breakfast, and I noticed that he tottered as he walked toward the table."

"He did not eat very much, just because, I believe, he thought that there was not enough for all of us. Then he got

PASTOR ALLEN GIVEN A SCORING.

Counsel for the Wife De- nounces Him Unsparingly in Her Separation Suit.

Says the Dominie Violated Morals, Religion and Honor in an Abominable Manner.

Nothing Too Severe for Him to Say, the Lawyer Says, in Charac- terizing His Acts.

CASE NOW IN THE CHANCELLOR'S HANDS

Jersey City Minister Was Not in Court on the Last Day—His Counsel Says the Demand for Alimony is Exorbitant.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 16.—The suit for separation brought by Mrs. Annie S. Allen against her husband, the Rev. J. C. Allen, pastor of the Bergen Baptist Church, in Jersey City, was brought to a close today, so far as the taking of testimony or presenting of argument is concerned, and all that now remains is for the Chancellor to grant or refuse the decree.

After a warrant was issued Hyer es-

caped with his wife and \$5,000 of money

procured on forged checks. He was traced

to San Francisco and was arrested there

when about to sail for Australia. While

returning he escaped from Detective Dal-

ton near Cleveland by jumping from a car

in the night. He finally surrendered by

walking into the First Precinct Station in

Jersey City, where he was taken to the

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his wife. He had told Deacon Cort that

Mrs. Allen had to go. He said this after

praying for the deacons.